

MARCH TO **SIXES**

# MAGNETO



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ASSUMING THE MANTLE OF "PROTECTOR OF MUTANTKIND" ONCE MORE, MAGNETO HAS TAKEN TO WORKING AS A LONE VIGILANTE, EXACTING REVENGE ON THE PERPETRATORS OF ANTI-MUTANT CRIMES.

AFTER SHUTTING DOWN A LABORATORY THAT HAD BEEN PRODUCING MUTANT GROWTH HORMONE, MAGNETO CAPTURED THE CHEMIST WHO HAD FORMULATED THE SERUM, INSTRUCTING HIM TO PRODUCE A VERSION OF HIS FORMULA THAT WOULD RESTORE THE FULL STRENGTH OF HIS MAGNETIC POWERS. MAGNETO THEN TRAVELED TO GENOSHA AND INFILTRATED A MUTANT CONCENTRATION CAMP THAT HAD BEEN NEWLY ESTABLISHED BY THE RED SKULL. BUT WHILE PREPARING TO ASSASSINATE THE RED SKULL, MAGNETO WAS ATTACKED BY THE SKULL'S S-MEN. WITH HIS ABILITIES STILL DIMINISHED, MAGNETO WAS QUICKLY OVERPOWERED AND CAPTURED.

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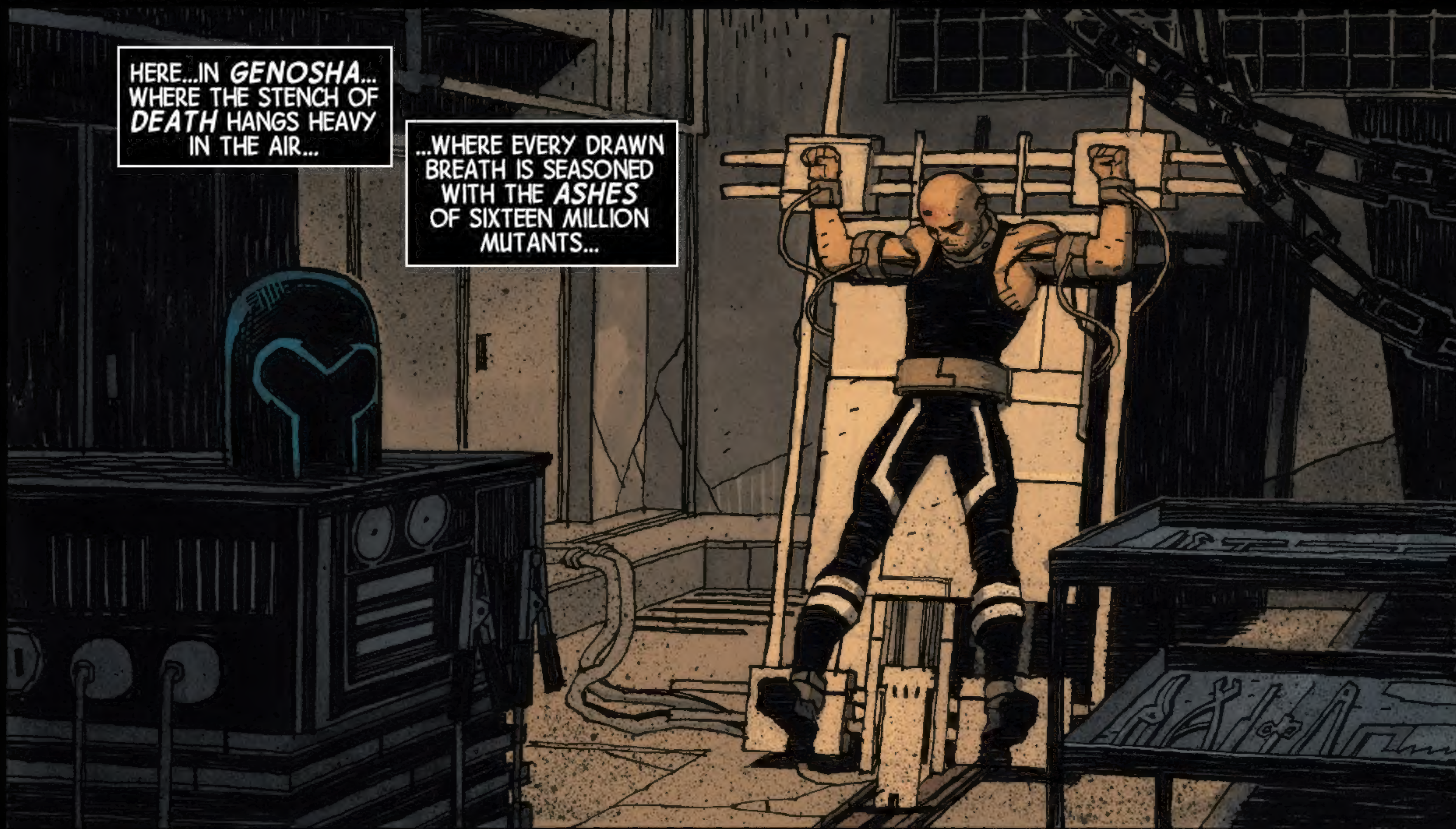
THIS IS THE DOMINION  
OF THE *RED SKULL*...

...THE MADMAN WHO HAS  
*STOLEN* THE MENTAL GIFTS  
OF MY DEAREST FRIEND,  
CHARLES XAVIER...

...AND SET THEM  
ABOUT THE TASK OF  
*MASS MURDER*.

HERE...IN *GENOSHA*...  
WHERE THE STENCH OF  
*DEATH* HANGS HEAVY  
IN THE AIR...

...WHERE EVERY DRAWN  
BREATH IS SEASONED  
WITH THE *ASHES*  
OF SIXTEEN MILLION  
MUTANTS...



...I MUST  
REMIND  
MYSELF...

...I AM NOT  
*DEAD* YET.

I PLAYED A  
FOOL'S GAMBIT...

...PUTTING MY TRUST  
IN MY FAILING MUTANT  
POWERS...HOPING TO  
*PROVE* SOMETHING  
TO MYSELF...

...WHEN I SHOULD  
HAVE USED THE  
*HIDDEN WEAPONS*  
AT MY DISPOSAL.

GIVEN ANOTHER  
OPPORTUNITY,  
I'LL NOT MAKE THE  
SAME MISTAKE.

ALTHOUGH A  
*SECOND CHANCE*  
MIGHT BE A BIT TOO  
MUCH TO ASK FOR.

HELLO,  
*MAGNUS*.







HOW  
**BITTERSWEET**  
TO SEE YOU LIKE  
THIS.

SO **WEAK...**  
SO **POWERLESS...**  
AND WITHOUT YOUR  
HELMET, SO  
**VULNERABLE TO**  
**MENTAL**  
**INTRUSIONS.**

WHAT'S THIS  
I HEAR ABOUT  
AN ATTEMPTED  
**ASSASSINATION,**  
HMM?

**TROUBLING,**  
MY FRIEND. OH, SO  
**TROUBLING.**



YOU  
**MUST HAVE**  
REALIZED...

...TO KILL ME  
WOULD ALSO  
MEAN KILLING THE  
LAST REMNANTS OF  
**CHARLES**  
**XAVIER.**

IS THAT WHY  
YOU **FAILED** SO  
COMPLETELY?



DID A **KINSHIP**  
FOR THE **GRAY MATTER**  
FUSED TO MY OWN BRAIN  
STAY YOUR HAND?

I FEEL  
FOR YOUR  
**LONELINESS,**  
MAGNUS.

THAT'S WHY  
I DREDGED  
THROUGH THAT  
BRAIN OF  
YOURS...

...AND  
CONJURED UP  
AN **OLD**  
**ACQUAINTANCE**  
TO KEEP YOU  
COMPANY.





HITZIG?

MY...BUT  
HAVEN'T YOU  
**GROWN** SINCE  
I SAW YOU  
LAST?

I BARELY  
**RECOGNIZE**  
YOU, MAX.

BUT I  
**LOVE** THE  
HAIRSTYLE.



SKULL...

...IF YOU  
THINK AN **OLD**  
**GHOST** WILL  
**TORMENT**  
ME...

...YOUR **VILE**  
TALENTS ARE EVEN  
MORE **SQUANDERED**  
THAN I  
THOUGHT.



HA!

VILE?

I'VE PEERED  
INSIDE YOUR MIND.  
I COULD RETURN  
YOUR **POWERS** TO  
**THEIR FORMER**  
GLORY AS EASILY AS  
FLIPPING A LIGHT  
SWITCH.

WOULD  
YOU THINK  
ME SO **VILE**  
THEN?



I LEAVE  
YOU IN THE CARE  
OF **MZEE** AND YOUR  
OLD COLLEAGUE,  
**HITZIG**.

I GIVE IT  
LESS THAN FIFTEEN  
MINUTES BEFORE  
YOU **BREAK**.

PERHAPS I'LL  
RETURN TO SAVOR  
THAT DELICATE LITTLE  
TICKLE OF **PITY** FROM  
XAVIER'S BRAIN AS  
YOU MEWL FOR  
**MERCY**.



THE **SKULL** WANTS  
ME TORTURED  
BOTH PHYSICALLY  
AND MENTALLY.

BUT **PAIN** CAN BE  
BLOCKED, AS CAN  
**PSYCHIC ASSAULTS**.

I WILL NOT  
**BREAK**.

EVEN WITHOUT  
MY **HELMET**, I HAVE  
**TRAINED** MYSELF  
TO DEAL WITH  
SUCH **ANGUISH**.





IT'S A SIMPLE  
MATTER OF  
REDIRECTION.



SO...IT'S  
TRUE?

YOU'RE OUR  
FATHER?



AND  
THIS...

...IS MY  
GRANDDAUGHTER.



WHY?

WHY DID  
YOU NEVER SAY  
ANYTHING?

WE...

WE COULD  
HAVE BEEN A  
REAL FAMILY.



I ONLY  
JUST FOUND  
OUT FOR  
MYSELF,  
PIETRO.

HAD I  
KNOWN, I  
COULD--









N-NO.



CLEVER.

TRICKY  
LITTLE PEST.

FLEEING INTO  
YOUR OWN  
MEMORIES TO  
ESCAPE THE PAIN  
OF THE **HERE**  
AND NOW.



BUT  
THERE IS NO  
ESCAPE.

YOU  
KNOW  
THAT.



YOU'VE BEEN  
RUNNING SINCE  
AUSCHWITZ.



AND YOU'VE  
YET TO GIVE ME  
THE SLIP.









MAX!  
WHAT ABOUT  
ANYA? SHE'S  
TRAPPED  
UPSTAIRS!

WE HAVE  
TO SAVE OUR  
DAUGHTER!



KRAK

CREEE-GRNCH

MAGDA!

LOOK--



CRRRMMMBLE



H-HOW?

HOW DID  
YOU--



NO TIME!  
JUST GET CLEAR,  
MAGDA!

THESE  
ABILITIES...IF  
I CAN CONTROL  
THEM...

I CAN  
RESCUE OUR  
LITTLE GIRL!





YOU'LL DO NOTHING!

WUFF!

SEIZE HIM!



TEACH HIM A LESSON!

NO... PLEASE...

...YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND...



OH, I THINK THEY UNDERSTAND JUST FINE.

YOU INSULTED A WEALTHY CITIZEN, ISN'T THAT SO?

YOU RAISED A STINK OVER WHAT YOU THOUGHT WAS RIGHT?



IT MAKES ME WONDER.

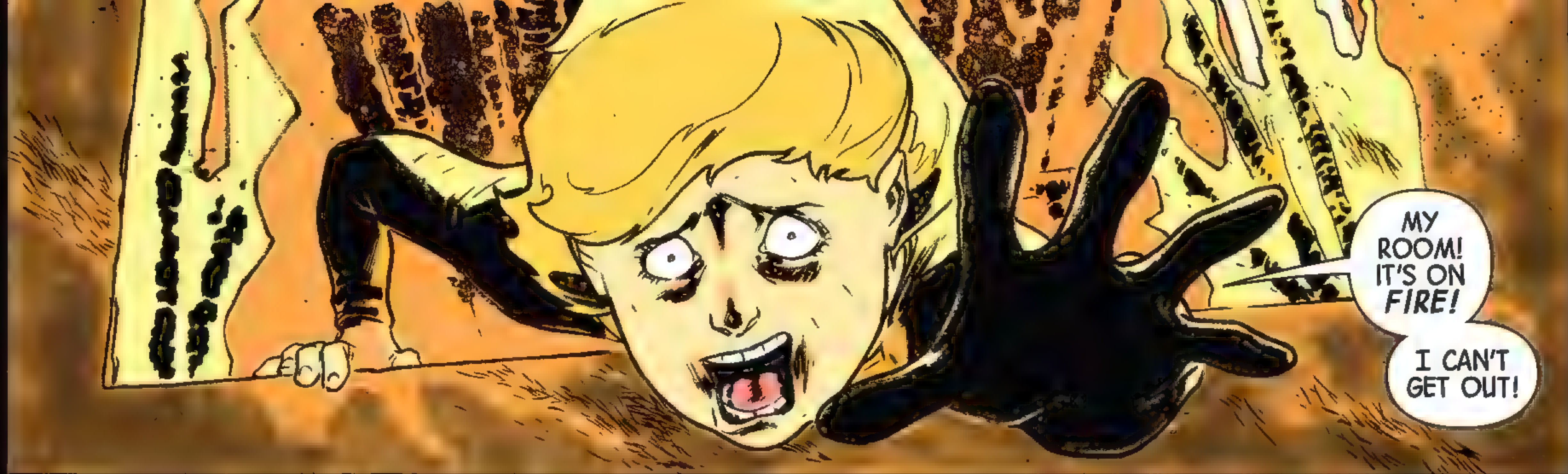
OF ALL THE MEMORIES YOU MIGHT HAVE CONJURED...WHY THIS ONE?

ARE YOU SUCH A SELF-LOATHING CREATURE?



POPPA!





MY ROOM!  
IT'S ON FIRE!

I CAN'T GET OUT!



ANYA!

I'M COMING!



DON'T LIE TO THE CHILD.



IT'S ALL RIGHT, GIRL.

JUMP!



YOUR FATHER WILL SAVE YOU!

HE'LL USE HIS GIFTS TO CATCH YOU.



CERTAINLY HE CAN USE HIS MUTANT POWERS TO SAVE HIS OWN FLESH AND BLOOD!

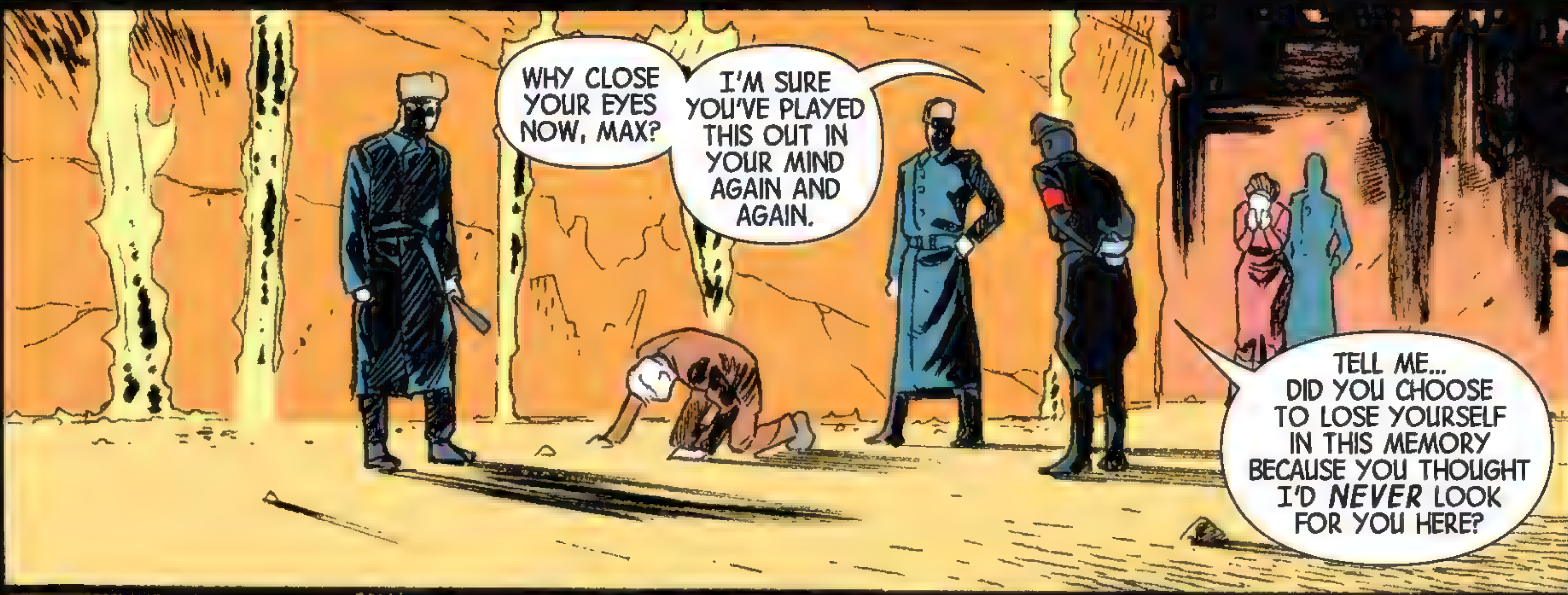




POPPA!



ANYA!



WHY CLOSE YOUR EYES NOW, MAX?

I'M SURE YOU'VE PLAYED THIS OUT IN YOUR MIND AGAIN AND AGAIN.

TELL ME... DID YOU CHOOSE TO LOSE YOURSELF IN THIS MEMORY BECAUSE YOU THOUGHT I'D **NEVER** LOOK FOR YOU HERE?



NO, HERR HITZIG.

I CHOSE IT...













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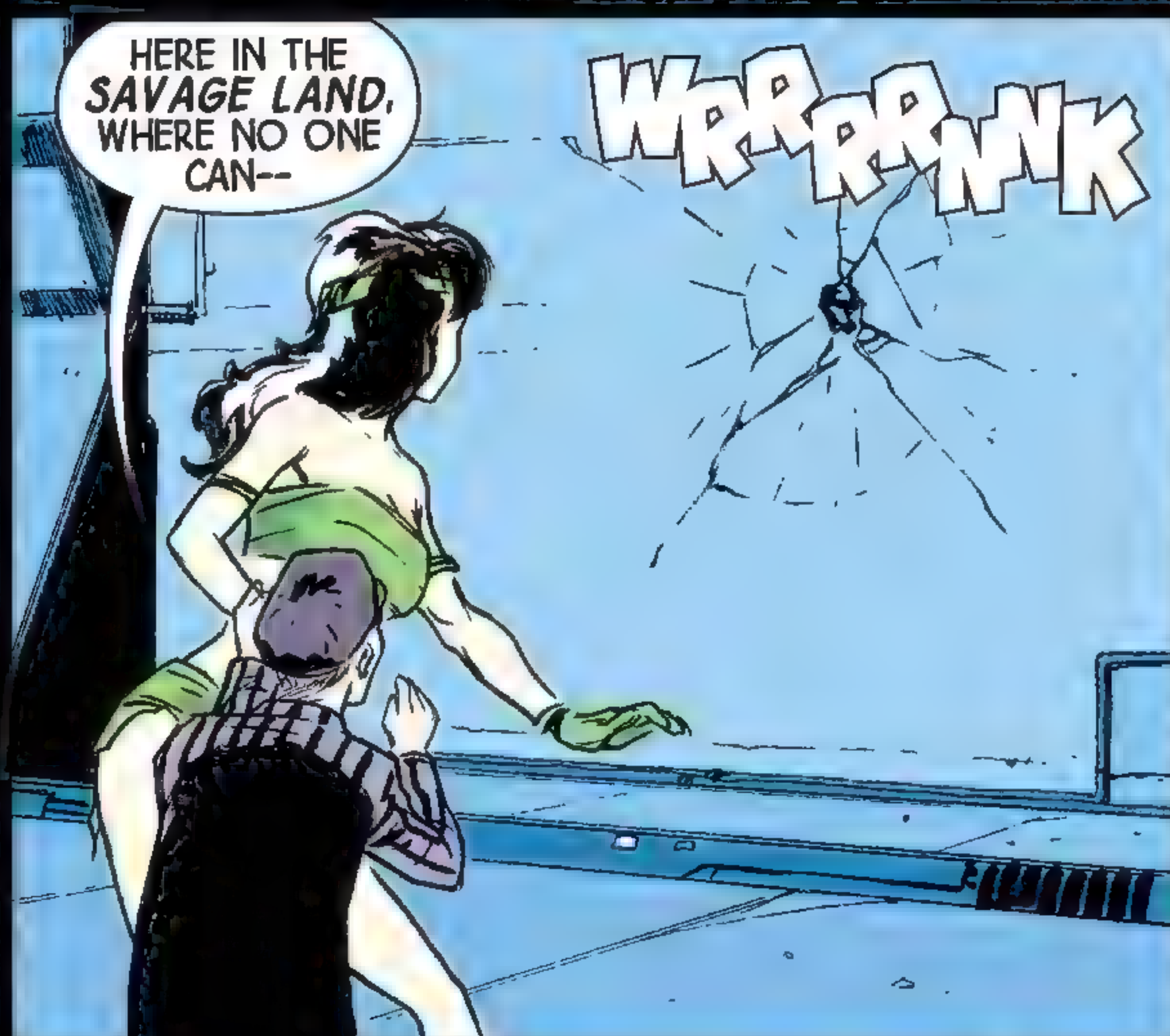
AFRAID.



I AM  
AFRAID, ROGUE.  
I AM.

BUT IF I  
COULD CHANGE  
MY *MEMORIES*...  
WOULDN'T THAT BE  
THE SAME AS  
CHANGING THE  
*PAST*?

COULDN'T  
WE *HIDE*  
HERE, YOU  
AND I?



HERE IN THE  
*SAVAGE LAND*,  
WHERE NO ONE  
CAN--

WRRRRANK



HE'S  
FOUND  
US!

I CAN'T  
GET AWAY!  
NO MATTER  
WHERE I  
GO, HE'S  
THERE!



WHAT ARE  
YOU TALKING  
ABOUT? WHO'S  
OUT THERE?

IT'S LIKE  
HE'S *HERDING*  
ME TOWARD--

REEEEEEAAAK





AAUUGH!



R-ROGUE!

NO!

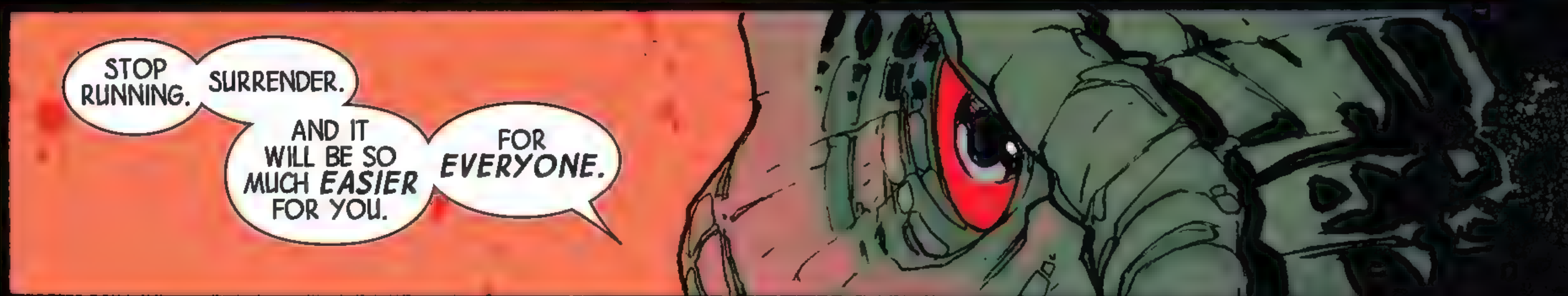
GOOD LORD...NO!



YOU'RE  
NEXT,  
MAX.

WE'RE  
GOING TO  
RIP YOU  
UP.

UNLESS  
YOU WANT  
TO JUST *GIVE*  
YOURSELF  
TO US.



STOP  
RUNNING.

SURRENDER.

AND IT  
WILL BE SO  
MUCH EASIER  
FOR YOU.

FOR  
EVERYONE.





WHAT ARE YOU HOPING TO FIND?

IN ALL OF YOUR MEMORIES, WHO WOULD DARE HELP YOU?

NOT YOUR WIFE...YOUR LOVERS...YOUR CHILDREN!



YOU CAN'T EVEN RELY ON YOURSELF!



BUT I'M STILL HERE WITH YOU!

YOU CAN COUNT ON ME, LITTLE MAX!

WHATEVER YOU DO... WHEREVER YOU GO...I'M HERE!



YOU THINK YOU CAN ELUDE ME.

YOU THINK YOU CAN HIDE.

BUT YOU'VE ONLY ENSURED THAT I'M PART OF YOUR EVERY MEMORY!



MAGNETO! MY LORD!

WE HAVE TO GET YOU TO SAFETY!

WHA--





IT'S AN  
ATTACK!

SENTINELS!

THEY'RE  
DESTROYING  
EVERYTHING!



IF WE CAN  
GET YOU TO THE  
BUNKER--

NO!



MY  
PEOPLE!

I CAN  
SAVE  
THEM!

LET  
ME GO!



YOU'RE  
NOT STRONG  
ENOUGH!

YOU'LL NEVER  
BE ABLE TO STOP  
THE SLAUGHTER!

BUT YOU CAN  
LIVE!



THOOM  
THOOM  
THOOM

YOU  
CAN AVENGE  
US!





EVERYWHERE  
YOU GO, MAX...

...THOSE  
YOU TRY TO  
SAVE...

...THEY  
**BURN!**

WHEN  
YOU WERE A  
**CHILD!**

WHEN  
YOU WERE A  
**HUSBAND AND  
FATHER!**

WHEN  
YOU WERE  
A **KING!**

YOU'VE  
**NEVER HAD  
ENOUGH  
POWER TO  
SAVE THEM!**

I  
CAN'T...

...CAN'T  
BEAT HIM...

...CAN'T  
ESCAPE...

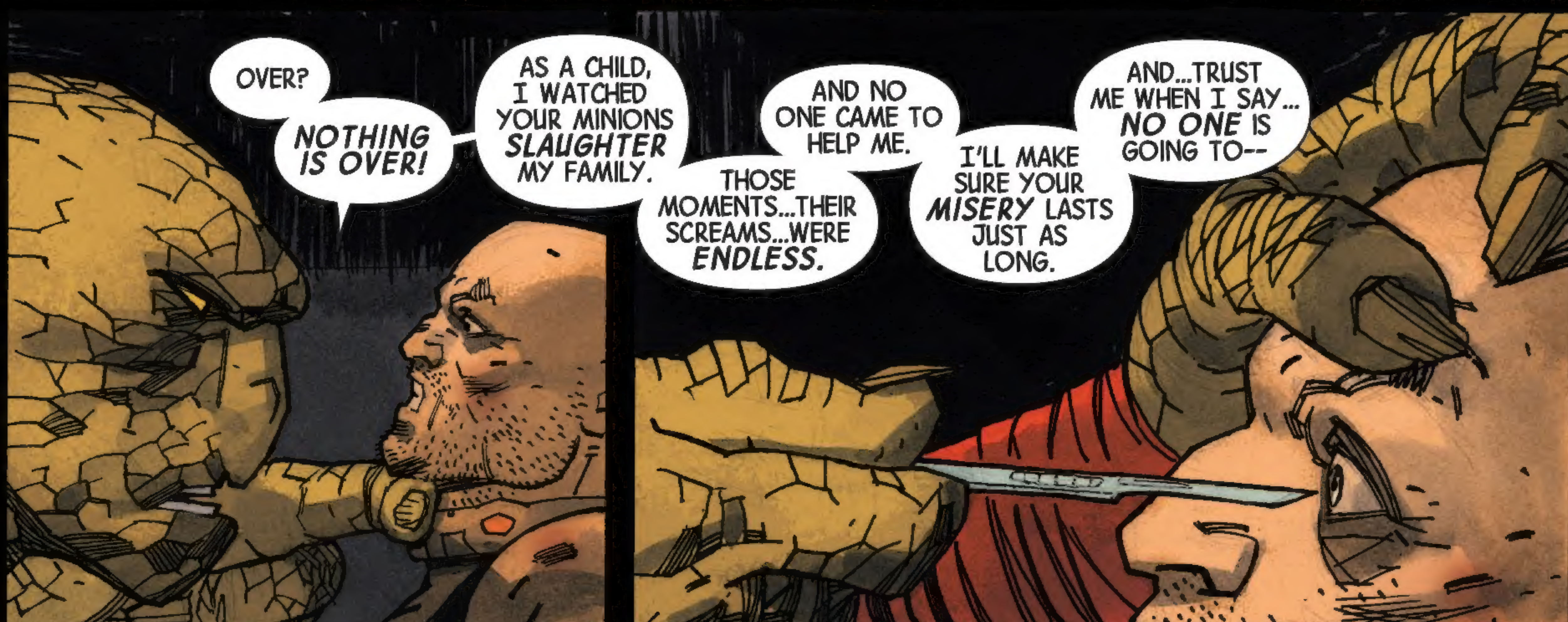


...IT'S  
**OVER.**





NGGEEEEAAAAHH!



OVER?

**NOTHING  
IS OVER!**

AS A CHILD,  
I WATCHED  
YOUR MINIONS  
**SLAUGHTER**  
MY FAMILY.

THOSE  
MOMENTS...THEIR  
SCREAMS...WERE  
**ENDLESS.**

AND NO  
ONE CAME TO  
HELP ME.

I'LL MAKE  
SURE YOUR  
**MISERY** LASTS  
JUST AS  
LONG.

AND...TRUST  
ME WHEN I SAY...  
**NO ONE** IS  
GOING TO--



**REAAAGH!**



FOR A SECOND, I THINK  
I HAVE SLIPPED BACK  
INTO THE STREAM OF  
MY MEMORIES.

BUT THE SMELL OF  
**DEATH**...THE  
TASTE OF **ASH**...IS  
TOO STRONG.



THIS IS  
REAL.

ROGUE?

WANDA?

WHAT ARE  
YOU *DOING*  
HERE, ERIK?

THE SKULL...  
I CAME TO  
KILL HIM.

HOW'S  
THAT WORKING  
OUT FOR YOU,  
SUGAH?

WE NEED TO  
FIND A PLACE FOR  
HIM TO HIDE.

HE'S  
TOO *WEAK*  
TO STAND  
AGAINST--

ZRAK

TEETH TEAR  
THROUGH FLESH.

I CAN...  
STAND.

I  
CAN...

...FIGHT.

ERIK,  
WHAT ARE  
YOU--

I BITE DOWN ON THE SMALL  
VIAL HIDDEN BENEATH MY SKIN.

MGH--MUTANT GROWTH  
HORMONE--FLOODS MY MOUTH.

MY SENSES ARE NO LONGER  
OVERWHELMED BY THE TASTE  
OF DEATH. INSTEAD, I TASTE--

--POWER.

TO BE  
CONTINUED  
IN UNCANNY  
AVENGERS #25!





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